

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 cancelled.

Claim 2 cancelled.

Claim 3 cancelled.

Claim 4 cancelled.

Claim 5 cancelled.

Claim 6 cancelled.

Claim 7 [new]A cosmetic compact comprising:

a cover member;

a base member;

first means including a cover spring hingedly connecting said members together, said members having a closed position at which the members are in complete engagement causing the spring to be compressed, said members having an open position at which the spring expands causing the cover member to extends at approximately perpendicular to said base member;

said cover member having latch means disposed oppositely to said first means and having first, second and third recesses;

said base member having latch engagement means disposed oppositely to said first means and including a latch pin;

said latch means and latch engagement means being mutually engaged when the members are in closed position; when these means are disengaged, the spring expands and places the members in open position;

a mechanism for moving the pin out of engagement with all of said recesses when the members are in open position and moving the pin into a selected one of said recesses when the members are in closed position.

Claim 8. [new] The compact of claim 7 wherein the mechanism moves the pin into the first and then into the second recess during the process of moving the members into closed position

Claim 9.[new] The compact of claim 8 wherein the mechanism moves the pin from the second recess into the third recess and then physically separates the pin from the third recess during the process of moving the members into open position.